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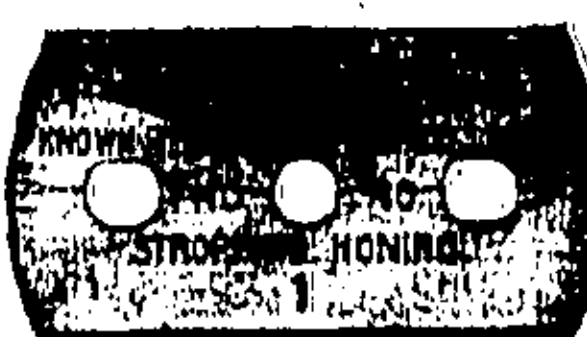
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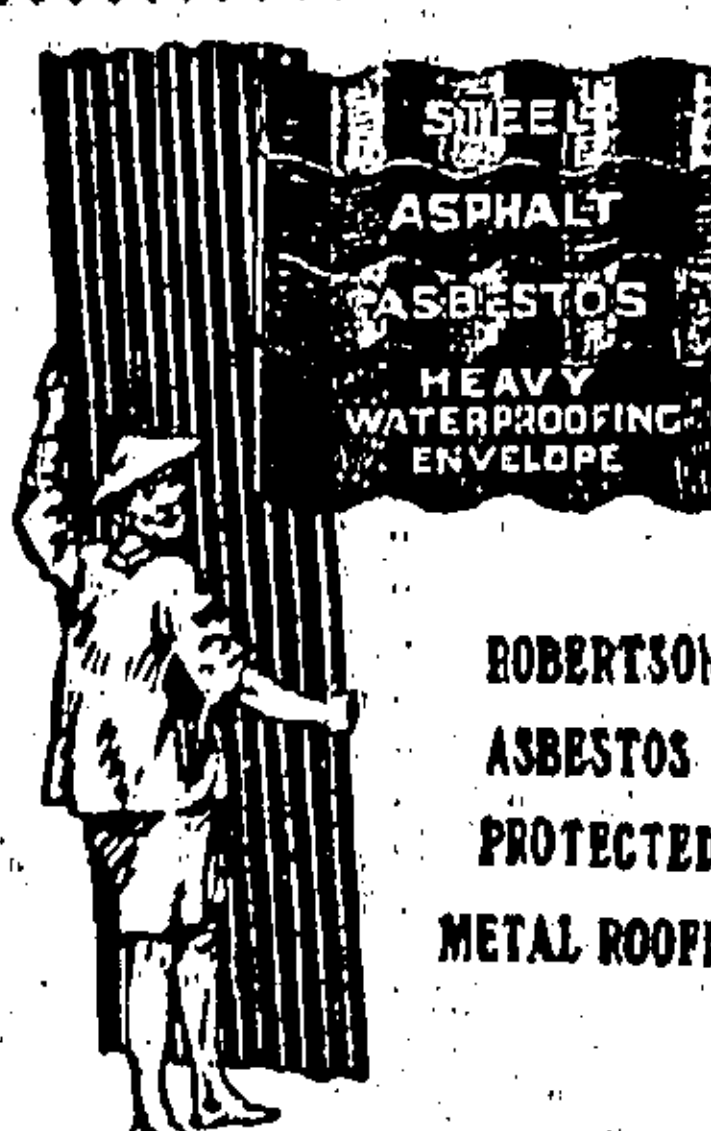
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THE FIRE MENACE.

HONGKONG'S WONDER FIRE
FLOAT.

READY IN MARCH?

TO BE USED ON LAND OR SEA.

There has already been launched at the dockyard of the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company, built to the order of the Government, a firefloat which should be in commission some time in March.

Its primary use is for fighting any possible outbreak on a vessel but in the case of a fire like that experienced in the City last week it would prove a most welcome addition to the land fire-fighting apparatus.

This can be realized from a comparison of the pumping capacity of the float and that of the most powerful engine now in the Colony. From the former it will be possible to pump water at the rate of 4,000 tons a minute whereas the latter at 100 lbs. pressure pumps slightly over 500 tons a minute.

The tremendous power indicated on the firefloat appliances is made possible by very powerful engines and the boilers can also be brought in to supplement this power. Stationary along the Praya, it is easily realizable what an aid it would be in quelling possible big outbreaks in the City, for included in the fire fighting appliances are eight delivery hose allowing of lines of 1,000 feet each.

Mounted With Guns.
As regards fighting the forces of fire on vessels at sea, the firefloat (which is of tug design with two decks, the upper of which will be the working deck) is fitted with all the latest appliances. Two monitors, similar to guns of considerable calibre, are mounted on the deck and can be trained in any direction to play streams of tremendous power on the deck, and in fact the upper parts. If the fire above should have good hold, however, a sliding tower may be brought into operation which can direct water at the rate of 4,000 gallons a minute from any height up to 30 feet.

The vessel, the motive power of which is provided by fuel oil, is steel fitted. It will, when in commission, have steam up night and day. It should be a vessel of which the Colony may well be proud.

CLAN FIGHT.

OLD INCIDENT RECALLED
IN COURT.

TAIKOO COOLIE CHARGED.

Detective Inspector T. Murphy brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning a Chinese who was wanted two years ago on a charge of cutting and wounding. The Inspector said that there had been a clan fight in January, 1924, among the coolies working in the Taikoo Sugar Refinery in the course of which one man was stabbed and had to be treated in hospital for one month. The prisoner was alleged to be the assailant and he had evaded the police until he was caught on Wednesday.

Defendant was remanded until Monday afternoon.

THE HOTEL FIRE.

Commenting on a wire from its Hongkong correspondent regarding the Hongkong Hotel fire the "Straits Times" (Singapore) says:—"The Hongkong Hotel could be termed the heart of the Colony, for it was its one great social rendezvous for dinners, teas, dances, and was probably the most noteworthy meeting place in the Orient. The Hongkong Hotel was a place of music and brightness, of spacious perspective and elaborate minutiae. No electric lifts in the colony were so busy as the five in the Hongkong Hotel. On February 28, 1925, its magnificent roof-garden and ball-room was opened, and superseded the grill-room on the first floor, which had up till then been the ball-room of the hotel.

"N.E. winds, moderate to fresh, fair" is the weather forecast for tomorrow for Hongkong and coast. The report says that a moderate monsoon may be expected.

OFFICE ROUTINE.

SYSTEM OF GETZ BROS.
OUTLINED.

MR. ATHERLEY'S CHANGE.

A former cashier of Getz Bros. (of the Orient), Ltd., was examined at the Sessions this morning with regard to the procedure instituted by Mr. J. E. Atherley, his former employer, (against whom the Crown brings charges of fraudulent conversion) with regard to office routine.

The system Mr. Atherley instituted some time in March, 1924, and continued with until sometime in July, said witness, was that if he (Mr. Atherley) wanted any of the moneys collected from the dealers he crossed out on a list those which were to be paid into the Bank and left alone those he wanted to keep.

A deposit slip would then be signed and chopped by Mr. Atherley and handed to the cashier and the one for the items paid into the company's account at the bank was kept by Mr. Atherley. Mr. Atherley, during the period mentioned, adopted this procedure in respect of moneys collected every day, said this witness.

Witness was cross-examined by Mr. Zeitlyn as to the reason why he ceased to be cashier in March of last year. Witness's reply was that he was asked to help the comptroller. He admitted that he had borrowed from the comptroller advances on his salary for a few months ahead sometimes but had never got as far in front as his year's salary, he stated.

He remembered a man named Joseph, who was book-keeper for the company for a period, also a man named Humphreys who had replaced him for a time, further stated witness. He was aware that Humphreys had been short in his accounts and that he left with this amount short. It had afterwards been made up. He could not say whether it was the company who made up the amount as a special favour, witness added in reply to a question of Mr. Zeitlyn. The money had been borrowed from the comptroller department.

In reply to further questions, witness said that he was not aware of the existence of any book in which were entered loans made. Advances were not made on post dated cheques.

The Court adjourned at the fifteen interval with this witness still under cross-examination.

"SOMETHING."

TRADER'S STORY IN
COURT.

MONEY EXPORTING CHARGE.

An elderly Chinese trader from Kowloon had to forfeit \$100 as a fine at the Central Magistracy this morning for attempting to export \$1,000 to Macao.

Defendant's story to the Magistrate was that his visit to the boat was with the intention of handing something to a friend on board. This was borne out by a searcher who stated in evidence that he found the money in two bank notes in the overcoat pocket. Asked by the Magistrate what the "something" was, defendant said he wanted to send a message to his people in the country that he would be detained in Hongkong for some days.

TOBACCO SEIZURE.

CASE TO BE RE-OPENED
ON TUESDAY.

The seizure of 57 bales of raw tobacco on a junk and in respect of which a confiscation order was made by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy, followed by a successful application for a rehearing of the case, was again mentioned this morning.

Mr. Leo d'Almeida informed His Worship that he had failed to come to an agreement with Mr. J. D. Lloyd (Superintendent of Imports and Exports) as regards ownership although he had stated his case fully and furnished witnesses. He asked that an early date be fixed for hearing as the tobacco was likely to deteriorate and cause loss to his client. Hearing was fixed for 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday.

BOXING CHALLENGE.

RIVAL FOR CARTLIDGE
AND MORRIS.

MITCHELL WANTS A BOUT.

A challenger to either Stoker Norman Morris of H.M.S. "Hermes," or Chief Petty Officer Jim Cartledge of the Royal Naval Yard (lightweight champion of the Colony) wishes to box in Hongkong.

It is Petty Officer Mitchell of H.M.S. "Concord" who wishes to meet either Morris or Cartledge. It has been stated that Mitchell claims a victory, at Home, over Cartledge. He is of very good class and is due to arrive here shortly.

FILIPINO MIDGET.

Also seeking a bout in Hongkong is a nippy Filipino youngster by name of Kid Alired who twice met Stoker Naegelin (of the "Jules Michelet") in Saigon. The Kid fights either as a bantam or feather and full details of his record will be published tomorrow.

FORGED NOTES.

THREE MORE ARRESTS
IN BUDAPEST.

REVENGE AND ADVENTURE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Budapest, Jan. 8.
Three more arrests have been made in connection with the forged French bank notes case, namely, M. Gerve, technical expert in the Cartographical Institute; M. Josef Szertsey, an official of the Hungarian National League; and a youth named Verhaghet.

A CONFESSION.

Budapest, later.
M. Gerve, in a confession, declared that the paper used for the forged notes was supplied by certain employees of the Cartographical Institute, who had admitted their guilt and were arrested. Gerve said that 25,000 notes of 1,000 francs each were printed, but some were faulty. He alleged that the notes were taken out of the vault by Prince Windischgratz.

CONSPIRACY AGAINST PEACE.

Paris, Jan. 7.
Whilst absolving the Hungarian Government from responsibility in connection with the forged bank notes affair, "Le Matin" accuses it of trying to hush up the political aspect.

The paper points out two distinct aspects of the case—namely, the counterfeiting of the bank notes and the monarchist plot. It is of opinion that the Budapest Government attempted to belittle the inevitable consequences of the discovery of a spirit of revenge and adventure amongst the aristocracy of Hungary, whom it reminds that she has regained her prosperity owing to international support. Therefore, she has no excuse for tolerating a conspiracy against peace.

NEW TREATIES.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA AND
SIAM.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINA.

(Reuter's Service.)

Prague, Jan. 7.
A Commercial Treaty between Czechoslovakia and Siam is about to be concluded, and will be signed in Paris.

Negotiations with China are meeting with difficulties owing partly to the fact that some of the European Governments do not accept the competency of the Government in Peking.

AUSTRO-SWISS TREATY.

Vienna, Jan. 7.
The Austro-Swiss Commercial Treaty, which has been signed at Bern, provides for the reciprocal lowering of certain tariffs.

ARMAMENTS.

HOLLAND DECIDES TO
SEND DELEGATES.

(Reuter's Service.)

The Hague, Jan. 7.
The Premier has stated that Holland has accepted the League of Nations' invitation to participate in the preparatory conference on limitation of armaments.

SNATCHER CAUGHT.

SEYMOUR ROAD THIEF
CONVICTED.

JAIL AND THE BIRCH.

The Chinese youth who stole a handbag containing \$200 in bank notes from a European lady at Seymour Road on the afternoon of December 30 and made a successful escape was caught by the police on Saturday night. The money was not recovered.

The youth was identified as an old offender and a member of a band of pick-pockets having their headquarters in Bridges Street.

When charged before the Magistrate, defendant admitted the offence. He said that he divided the money between two others and also had a feast at a restaurant. The next day he went to Macao and lost his share of the money (\$90) at gambling. Sentence of three months' hard labour and 12 strokes of the birch was imposed.

A FORGED RECEIPT.

DEVELOPMENTS AFTER
AN ARREST.

CHINESE CYCLIST IN TROUBLE.

A Chinese was charged at the Central Magistracy this morning with attempting to convert to his own use a hired bicycle.

Divisional Inspector P. Grant produced a sale note from the Sun Company which the defendant handed to a detective when he arrested the man while attempting to pawn the machine. The Inspector said that the Chinese characters in the sale note had been altered to give the impression that the purchase was a bicycle costing \$40. Investigations made at the shop where a duplicate of the note was kept, showed the actual purchase to be a pot of vaseline. After formal evidence, the case was adjourned until Monday.

FLOOD OF MAILS.

Two mails from Europe via Suez, one from the U.S.A., and seven from other sources were due for arrival to-day—a record bunch for a single day.

Of these the P. & O. "Malwa" was the first to put in, having beaten the "Tokushima Maru" which was also due to-day, the latter carrying a letter mail from London dated a week earlier than the "Malwa" mail. The Japanese vessel is not likely to arrive until tomorrow.

The "Malwa" brought a total of 277 bags letter and paper mail (London, December 10), 186 being for Hongkong, including 122 from the United Kingdom. The parcels (London, December 3) amounted to 201 bags. Delivery of this mail was proceeding in the afternoon.

The overdue "President Grant" with mails from the U.S.A., Canada, etc. arrived in the afternoon, and notification was also received that the s.s. "Mishima Maru" was then making port with mails from Australia and Manila.

CHARMING ALMANAC.

From the Catholic Monthly "Religio e Patria" we have received a copy of a beautiful and artistic almanac for 1926, which is being distributed to its subscribers and friends.

It contains articles from well-known writers, namely, His Lordship, the Bishop of Macao, the Vicar General of the same diocese and Mrs. A. da Luz. Amongst the illustrations we see one of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus surrounded by her sisters and another of the three little shepherds who were fortunate to be favoured with various apparitions of the Virgin Mary at Fatima, Portugal.

The design on the cover is, as in former years, the work of the late Mr. E. H. de Aquino.

A scavenging coolie employed at Murray Barracks was sentenced to one month's hard labour, at the Central Magistracy this morning, for theft of two table knives from the Band Mess.

DEARER RUBBER.

LEADS TO HIGHER CYCLE
PRICES.

ANOTHER ADVANCE IN TYRES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 7.
As result of the "continuous increases in the price of rubber," the British Cycle and Motor-cycle Manufacturers' Traders' Union, Limited, Coventry, announce that from January 15 the prices of motor-cycles and sidecars will be advanced 10/ and a shilling, respectively, covering the average advance in tyres, which were raised another 7 1/2 per cent. on January 4, making 42 1/2 per cent. since the middle of May last year.

AMERICAN CRITICISM.

Washington, Jan. 7.
At the resumption of proceedings of the House of Representatives Rubber Price Enquiry Committee Mr. A. L. Viles, General Manager of the Rubber Association of America, claimed that the Stevenson plan was fundamentally unsound and largely responsible for the advance in prices. He said that the possibility of the development of the production of rubber in Brazil, Mexico, and the Philippines offered a degree of potential relief, but it was insufficient to offset the restrictions on new planting in British Possessions.

HOOVER ATTACKED.

Mr. Eugene Black, Democratic member of the House of Representatives, assailed Mr. Herbert Hoover's activities, which he described as propaganda for rubber interests, adding: "Here are these expanding tyre companies just about to inflate prices and setting the faithful Hoover on to the British lion. They want an alibi to gouge the public, so bark at the East India rubber planter."

Mr. Black asserted that the price of crude rubber was not connected with the increase in tyre prices, and said: "Our Committee will cry 'thief' at the British while our business leaders pilfer undisturbed."

SHARE BOOM.

RISE IN ALL GERMAN
STOCKS.

AMERICAN FINANCIERS BUSY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, Jan. 7.
There is a boom on the Stock Exchange, a considerable rise in all quotations, especially mining shares, having resulted from the news that American banking firms are showing great interest in shares of German companies and that a number of German and American Banks have formed a syndicate in New York for the purpose of investing considerable capital in German companies, hoping to reap a good profit from the present low quotations on the German Stock Exchanges.

The Darmstadter Bank, Warburg of Hamburg, and two private Banks in Cologne are mentioned as being among the participants in the syndicate.

WORLD COURT.

OPPOSITION CRUMBLING
IN AMERICA.

A SIGNIFICANT VOTE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Jan. 7.
The action of the Senate yesterday in rejecting by 54 votes to 16, a resolution by Senator J. A. Reed demanding an enquiry into the alleged propaganda in favour of the World Court and the settlement of foreign debts, is hailed by practically all the Washington correspondents as a measure of weakness of the opposition to the World Court.

The "New York Times" expresses the opinion that the resolution to participate in the World Court will be carried by a two-thirds majority with scores of votes to spare.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

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Hongkong, 15th April 1925.

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ADVERTISING.

Australia's Publicity
Campaign.

Melbourne, Vic., October 28.—
Acting on the advice of E. Lee
Neil, the Prime Minister recently
decided to begin an intensive
publicity campaign with the
object of bringing the merits of
Australian goods before British
consumers.

Mr. Lee Neil is the managing
director of the largest depart-
ment store in the Commonwealth.
For about six months of this year
he acted as Australian Commis-
sioner at the Empire Exhibi-
tion at Wembley in an honorary
capacity. While in England he
made a study of advertising
methods as they affected the prob-
lem of selling Australia's prod-
ucts. His conclusions have been
embodied in a report prepared for
Mr. Bruce.

Mr. Lee Neil recommends that
the Commonwealth provide a
definite sum in the annual esti-
mates for overseas advertising.
One-tenth of 1 per cent. on the
amount of the Australian export
trade would provide £140,000.
That amount would rise or fall
with variations in trade, but it
should be the minimum outlay for
any general publicity scheme.

To follow up effectively the fine
impression made by the Austra-
lian display at Wembley and the
propaganda carried on by leagues
and organizations it was essential
that a sustained publicity cam-
paign should be undertaken im-
mediately. The economic position
of England was leading to inquiry
into its causes, and this in turn
was resulting in a growing feeling
that one remedy lay in the greater
consumption of Empire goods.
Organisations with this object
were being formed all over Eng-
land.

However, the report continued,
expert preparation and marketing
organisation should precede pub-
licity. Still, if Australia waited
until she could comply with all
requirements she would lose val-
uable time and permit competitors
to gain much ground. The direc-
tion and control of publicity
should be placed in the hands of
an Australian expert, who should
have headquarters in London, and
should operate in conjunction
with some well-established British
advertising house.

Last year Australia House, the
Commonwealth headquarters in
London, was allotted only £15,000
for advertising, and only half of
that amount was used. Any
extensive or adequate publicity
was impossible on such an appro-
priation.

COCONUT TRADE.

The Philippine Industry.

The Philippine coconut industry
is largely in the hands of Filipinos
who own and control many small
coconut estates throughout the
islands, according to a recent
survey of the industry by the
bureau of commerce and industry.
Large coconut plantations, how-
ever, are owned by Americans and
a few Japanese and European
planters are to be found. The
centre of operation of American
and Japanese planters is in
Mindanao where there are several
coconut estates owned by corpo-
rations or controlled by them. In
Masbate some are owned by
Spaniards. Americans also have
plantations in Samar and Bicol.
Japanese-owned plantations are in
Dayao.

The survey further shows that
155 coconut corporations or
plantations, each having at least
10,000 trees, excluding those in
Laguna, Romblon, unreported, and
those having below 10,000 trees
are found in the archipelago. Of
these, 22 corporations are con-
trolled by Americans, of whom
Carl M. Hamilton, former oil
magnate in the islands, occupies
first place with 150,000 trees.
Simeon Perez of Tayabas, a
Filipino, has 150,000 trees in his
plantations, while Palacios and
Saez, believed third, has 100,000
trees.

An announcement by the Com-
mercial Union, London, and Royal
Exchange Assurance Offices that
they propose to increase their
insurance rates on fleets of ships
by 10 per cent. has been taken to
portend a general stiffening of
marine insurance rates. There is
extreme dissatisfaction felt
among underwriters with the
prevailing rates of premium, both
in the insurance of ships and
cargoes. Business is held to be
too unprofitable at current rates
to be maintained on a healthy
basis.

CIGAR TRADE.

FUTURE OF MANILA.

Product Assured.

The future of Manila cigars in
the United States market will be
more assured; provided factories
continue their low quotations and
high quality and can combat
forces working against expansion
of the trade, namely, the inability
of even larger factories to meet
any sudden big demand and the
ineffective propaganda to arouse
the interest of good jobbers and
distributors, according to a supple-
mentary special report on the
cigar industry made by Philippine
Commercial Attache Abdon
Llorente.

Following a lengthy discussion
between Philippine Tobacco Agent
Morris and himself on the possi-
bilities of Manila cigars in San
Francisco and Los Angeles, Com-
mercial Attache Llorente reported
that in view of the inadequacy of
Manila cigar advertising, he con-
ferred with the Associated Adver-
tising Co.

"During the six months ended
in October, no information has
come to my knowledge which
would indicate that inferior
Manila cigars have been marketed
in this country," states Llorente's
report. "This is a happy symptom
due to the fact that our factories,
including those supposed to be
unscrupulous, have finally realised
the advantage to be derived from
a good quality cigar export."

"In almost every state there are
a few cigar jobbers who will
handle Manila cigars. To obtain
their patronage, personal contact
is a vital necessity."



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enterprises. It took him 25 years to
do this.

Fortunes are being made by
people outside the House who are
dealing on the bull tack in rubber
and rubber shares. According to
report, some of the jobbers in the
Rubber share market are becom-
ing rich more quickly than their
wives deemed possible. The in-
extinguishable price has to be paid,
however, for the heavy strain of
the overwork. And what's the
use of being rich if your wife's a
widow?

The three small islands off
Jamaica, known as the Cayman
Islands, have the honour of a re-
port all to themselves this year.
Their greatest previous honour
was their discovery by Columbus
on May 10, 1503. Exports and im-
ports total only \$50,000. Catching green turtles for Key
West and seafaring, are the two
chief industries, though prospecting
for oil is now being carried on.

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On demand—1480
Credito, 4 months sight—1530
On Berlin—
On demand—nom.
On New York—
On demand—57 1/2
Credito, 60 days sight—58 1/2
On Bombay—
On demand—156 1/2
On Calcutta—
On demand—156 1/2
On Shanghai—
On demand—115
On demand—nom.
30 days sight (private paper)—
On Singapore—10 1/2
On Manila—
On demand—115
On demand—nom.
30 days sight (private paper)—
On demand—132 1/2
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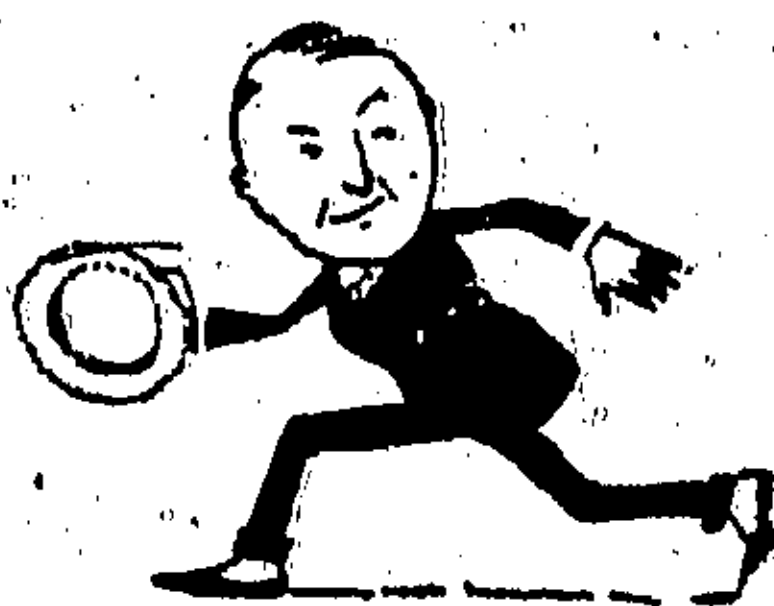
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" Roast	咸牛肉	lb. 30 24 22	
" Breast	牛肉	lb. 24 20 18	
" Soup	牛肉	lb. 22 20 18	
" Steak	牛肉	lb. 30 24 22	
" Steak Sirloin	牛肉	lb. 45 30 35	
" Sausages	牛肉	lb. 40 26 20	
Bullock's Brains	牛肉	per set 15 10 12	
" Tongue, fresh	牛肉	each 90 50 60	
" Tongue, corned	牛肉	each 80 — —	
" Head	牛肉	each \$1.50 — \$1.20	
" Heart	牛肉	lb. 24 13 14	
" Hump, Salt	牛肉	lb. 20 18 —	
" Feet	牛肉	each 9 10 12	
" Kidneys	牛肉	lb. 15 10 12	
" Tail	牛肉	lb. 30 20 22	
" Liver	牛肉	lb. 24 18 14	
" Tripe	牛肉	lb. 12 6 7	
Calves' Head & Feet	牛頭蹄	set \$2.20 \$1.00 \$1.00	
Mutton Chop	羊排	lb. 55 26 —	
" Log	羊排	lb. 55 26 —	
" Shoulder	羊排	lb. 53 24 —	
" Saddle	羊排	lb. 55 — —	
Pig's Chittlings	猪腩	lb. 40 — 27	
" Brains	猪脑	Per set 5 — 12	
" Feet	猪脚	lb. 22 15 —	
" Fry	猪什	lb. 40 15 18	
" Head	猪頭	lb. 24 20 —	
" Heart	猪心	each 14 10 10	
" Kidneys	猪腰	lb. 12 10 8	
" Liver	猪肝	lb. 52 30 24	
Pork Chop	排骨	lb. 42 25 23	
" Log	排骨	lb. 45 — —	
" Loin	排骨	lb. 48 28 27	
" Fat or Lard	猪油	lb. 30 22 —	
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭蹄	per set 90 60 70	
" Heart	羊心	each 15 8 7	
" Kidneys	羊腰	lb. 15 12 10	
" Liver	羊肝	lb. 55 26 25	
Sucking Pigs, to order	乳猪	lb. 25 25 22	
Suet, Beef	牛油	lb. 30 20 18	
" Mutton	牛油	lb. 55 26 24	
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Crabs	蟹	"	50	23	28
Cattle Fish	魚	"	22	16	2
Dab	魚	"	65	23	16
Dace	魚	"	20	10	9
Dog Fish	黃鰓肚	"	19	10	8
Eels, Conger	鰻魚	"	32	16	—
" Fresh Water	淡水魚	"	—	10	13
" Yellow	黃魚	"	70	26	30
Frogs	田蛙	"	70	32	25
Garoupa	石斑魚	"	70	40	30
Gudgeon	白甲魚	"	24	18	15
Herrings	鱈魚	"	30	22	18
Halibut	白甲魚	"	28	18	23
Lahrus	鰻魚	"	30	22	18
Loach	魚	"	30	22	24
Lebsters	蝦	"	55	32	21
Mackerel	魚	"	28	20	26
Monk Fish	魚	"	36	32	23
Mullet	魚	"	32	18	2
Oysters	魚	"	30	16	22
Parrot Fish	公魚	"	24	14	9
Perch	魚	"	36	20	15
Pike	魚	"	20	76	9
Plaice	魚	"	72	28	14
Pomfret, Black	魚	"	40	20	20
Pomfret, White	魚	"	46	36	30
Prawns	蝦	"	70	36	45
Ray	魚	"	16	10	14
Rock-Fish	石斑魚	"	65	18	13
Roach	魚	"	36	22	19
Salmon	魚	"	70	36	30
Shark	魚	"	10	8	10
Skate	魚	"	15	10	10
Shrimps	蝦	"	55	28	35
Sparper	魚	"	52	32	30
Soles	魚	"	40	28	23
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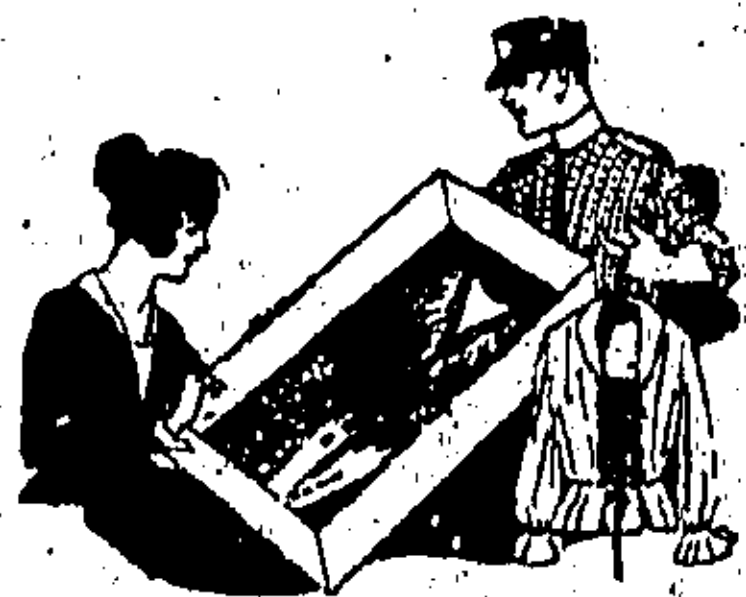
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CHINA AND THE LOCARNO SPIRIT.

Scarcely does one open a paper from England or America these days but one sees the words "The Locarno Spirit" used as a heading, not for the famous treaty, but for some industrial problem or other dispute. Everywhere in the Homeland and in the United States the Locarno spirit—the desire of both sides to reach an agreement on the basis of give-and-take—is making itself manifest in the affairs of men and nations. Reading these things, the thoughtful Hongkong person, beset with troubles on every hand, is inclined to ask if the Locarno spirit could not be brought to work its magic in this part of the world as well. Could it not, for instance, be applied to the breach that now separates the sister cities of Hongkong and Canton? The British and the Chinese peoples have so much in common—indeed no two races could have more in common save only the British and the American—that it is the tragedy of the age they should be so far apart as they are at present. When we say this we speak of course of the best in the two races. The local tendency to judge the Chinese by the nearest street loafer is as absurd as it would be for the Oriental to judge the British by the first public house loafer he met when landing at Tilbury. Undoubtedly there are grades of Chinese—but so there are among our own people. The dishonest domestic, if a trifle more naive here, is by no means peculiar to the Far East. There is no need to labour the matter further, the points of comparison, both of the good and the bad in all walks of life in the two races, are as many as they are obvious. The chief difference between the British and the Chinese to-day is that the Chinese are passing through a trying phase—just as the British have often done before this—and the abuses inseparable from public life as always at such a time have become abnormally frequent and glaring. This of course is an unfortunate state of affairs, but it is the first rather than the second angle from which the matter should be viewed. The British, as far as the Chinese will let them, are doing their best to

greatest help to China in this dark hour, and if only the Locarno spirit could be brought to induce the Chinese to accept our help to the fullest extent, the troubles of both nations in this part of the world would be over! China is struggling through, we hope and believe, to a new era where peace and prosperity instead of war and pillage will be the watchwords. The way is rough, but if China would only consent to accept our friendly aid by meeting us half way in settling the matters that are at present estranging the two peoples—especially as between Hongkong and Canton—if she would only join hands with us in the spirit of the Locarno treaty, that happy future to which both nations are looking forward would be hastened as it can be hastened by no other means.

IN THE COLD.

the meanest jobs. This may have some weight with wavering ones. We prefer to think of the coolie as an entity who has helped not a little in the past prosperity of the Colony. He has been worthy of his hire, and occasionally of our ire; let us go a step further and, if we do not mind what happens to his soul, give a little thought to his body. . . . There, but for the grace of God goes . . .

Fire Problems.

Hongkong does not stand alone in the prominence given to fire problems. Bangkok, according to a contemporary to hand this week, is complaining of the confusion and lack of co-operation amongst the fire brigades in that city. Under the present system, it says, "a good deal of totally unnecessary damage is done, much water wasted, while work, often thoroughly good work, is also wasted through being wrongly applied." That sentence reads almost like a paraphrase of what has been written since New Year's Day regarding the Hongkong Hotel fire, although, of course, the causes for complaint are entirely different. It is, however, gratifying to find that some things are done better here than in the Siamese capital—that is, the drawing of a cordon round the scene to prevent the crowd interfering with the work of the fire fighters. Apparently this simple, yet necessary, precaution is not followed in Bangkok, the natural result being confusion worse confounded. However, in voicing a plea for the cordon the "Bangkok Daily Mail" suggests that official badges should be issued to public officials and the Press to enable them to perform their respective duties without undue and unnecessary interference. This suggestion might be followed with advantage at future fires in Hongkong. Our contemporary says that the fire-fighting appliances and forces of Bangkok are vastly superior to those of a few years ago; but it adds that "a new and up-to-date system for their practical use is certainly badly wanted, especially in a place where the use of extremely inflammable material for house construction is still permitted, and where, on that account, the saving of time is the greatest of all factors in the combating of fires." The Hongkong Hotel fire apart, there is much in Bangkok's position applicable to this Colony; and the sooner both the public and the fire insurance companies insist on betterment the greater will be the relief from anxiety on the occasion of future big fires here.

WILL CHANG RESIGN?

OPPOSED TO HIS LEADERS' ADVICE.

PROBABLE SUCCESSOR.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, January 7.
A message from Mukden states that Marshal Chang Tso-lin is preparing to resign.

The Japanese Foreign Office has not yet learned officially, but its spokesman thinks the report is possibly true, as Chang's leaders are advising him to retire, though he himself wishes to remain in office.

The spokesman thinks that if the report is true, Civil Governor Wang Yung-chiang will probably succeed him.

GIVE UP MILITARY RULE!

It is also stated that the Japanese Government has learned that Wu Pei-fu recently "circulated" all Chinese Civil and Military Governors secretly. He is urging a movement to support constitutionalism and democracy by giving up military rule.

It is understood that the Government is "hoping" that China is settling, though it doubts the reports that Chang Tso-lin and Wu Pei-fu are definitely burying the hatchet.

Tuan's Decision.

Peking, January 8.
Tuan Chi-jui at midnight addressed a circular telegram to the Provinces announcing his intention of retiring from office on January 15 and handing over the administration to the Cabinet.

BANK RATE.

ADVANCE REPORTED FROM NEW YORK.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, January 7.
The Federal Reserve Bank has advanced the discount rate to 4 per cent.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

January, 1926.
A CALENDAR. 4. Mon. Sir Isaac Pitman born, 1813.

5. Tues. First National Schools opened, 1817.

6. Wed. Joan of Arc born, 1410.

7. Thurs. British lose Calais, 1412.

8. Fri. Alfred Russel Wallace born, 1828.

9. Sat. Cape Colony captured, 1808.

10. Sun. Penny Postage established, 1840.

A REMARKABLE twentieth century SCIENTIST. One of the nine-

has hardly got his due is Alfred Russel Wallace, whose ninety years of life was packed full of work in all sorts of spheres. Even in his old age it was new things that attracted him.

He formulated the "survival of the fittest" theory and of natural selection as a whole, working quite independently of Darwin, but along the same lines. Such a coincidence of discovery is unique. Many people think that Wallace was rather unfairly overshadowed.

Wallace was a keen politician, and kept near the centre of all progressive movements. When, in his old age, he announced his belief in Spiritualism, it was looked on as a great triumph by the Spiritualists. But it was characteristic of Wallace to be among the challengers.

CERTAINLY. The meeting of a good host and an eloquently responsive guest in ancient Persia is recorded laconically, but with patent sincerity, on an incised marble tablet recently described in a lecture in London by the eminent Babylonian authority, Prof. Ernst Herzfeld. The tablet

rested down firmly on "The Lusitania" as on a solid deck. Suddenly we emerge from among the floating debris of legend and are in open water. In disgrace with the King, probably about some too important dramatic petulance, Camoens was exiled to Africa in 1547.

Camoens now launched out into such activity in strange places as hardly any other poet has ever conceived possible. The dreamers have enormously outnumbered the doers among the birds of the world. There have been Byron and Agrippa d'Aubigné and the Duke of Montpensier (formerly Gabriele d'Annunzio). Camoens is the eminent political exception. In our own circle, the poet Laureate, greatly during, sailed away to Ann Arbor in his eightieth year.

For Camoens there was no bed of down. Scarcely arrived at Goa, he started on a punitive expedition to the coast of Malabar; presently he helped to scour the Red Sea of pirates; then he hunted Turkish merchant-vessels in the Persian Gulf, he visited Malacca, he explored the Moluccas. No wonder that Mr. Aubrey Bell, though rigidly divesting himself of all exuberant enthusiasm, cannot help exclaiming: "It is really extraordinary that, just as Camoens' works embrace the whole of Portugal's history, he should have visited in person almost without exception, every part of the Portuguese Empire." Meantime, he was incessantly writing verses, no doubt the best that were ever composed on the Indian Ocean.

In 1572 he succeeded in publishing his "Lusitania," and the fame of it spread through Europe. The splendid "Aminia" of Torquato Tasso was printed in the same year, a compliment passed between the Italian and the Portuguese poets, the two most eminent writers of the day. Camoens does not seem to have been known in England, where Shakespeare was a child at Stratford, but he was famous in Spain, where some of his poems were published in Castilian. Lopez de Vega, like Shakespeare, was an infant, but we can place Camoens by remembering that Cervantes was his younger contemporary.

Although the "Lusitania" is one of the most famous poems of all literature, it is not really well-known in this country. The editions, commentaries, criticisms, and general effusions which Portuguese scholars have expended on Camoens seem to be innumerable. Here is the one great intellectual glory of their country.

It would be an excellent thing for some young English poet to devote himself to a version of the "Lusitania," which is a very long poem, but not half as long as the "Divine Comedy" or the "Iliad."

Cammoens.

Persistent industry of research has not enabled Portuguese scholarship to fix the exact date of the birth of Portugal's greatest national author, but there seems little doubt that the year was 1524.

No writer has been, it appears, the victim of more fairy-tales than Camoens. The spirit of the great navigators was in him; he wandered in Africa and Asia; he was a soldier, and a lover, and a sailor on the grand scale. He lived abreast of the heroic age of adventure. He was still a youth when King Manuel I. assumed the title Lord of the Conquest, Navigation and Commerce of India, Ethiopia, Arabia, and Persia. Camoens belonged to that epoch of empire; he did not merely "sum it up" in immortal verse, but he fought and suffered in the pulse and flood of it.

It seems strange that we know little that is positive about the career of a writer so famous and so representative as Camoens. Sir Richard Fanshawe, who was no mean writer of verse, put into the poet's mouth this summary:—
Spain gave me noble birth; Coimbra arts,
Lisbon a high-placed love and courtly pursuits;
Africa refuge when the Court did frown.
Travel experience, with no short sight
Of India and the world.

The earliest editor of Camoens' lyrics roundly declared that "he was born in this our city of Coimbra." The visitor to that ancient and romantic university, the centre of Portuguese learning, likes to think that the author of "The Lusitania" saw the light in one of these terraced arcades which still rise so elegantly over the curved waters of the Mondego. It is even more certain that he was educated in that Western Athens, where it is highly likely that he attended the lectures of the shining and acid Scottish exile, George Buchanan.

It is believed that in 1543 the young poet left Coimbra for Lisbon. In Lisbon, and in a church, on Good Friday, 1544, Camoens first saw Catarina de Ataide, who was then a lady-in-waiting to the Queen. This lady became to him what Beatrice had been to Dante and Laura to Petrarch.

The incidents of the next few years are shrouded in a most bewildering obscurity. There is no lack of record, but the stories conflict one another to a surprising degree. Set out in the dry light of Mr. Bell's scepticism they awaken the doubt whether there ever was such a person as Camoens at all, or whether he was not a later creation of the imagination.

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RESCUE SCENES.

YSEL RISES TO A RECORD HEIGHT.

MANY VICTIMS LOSE ALL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Amsterdam, Jan. 7. Whilst the rivers Rhine, the Waal, and Meuse have fallen, the River Ysel has risen to a record height. Thousands of people have already been rescued from attics and roofs or dykes, but many still are awaiting rescue. Many of the victims have lost all their worldly possessions.

Queen Wilhelmina visited the military barracks at Ede, where many flood victims, mostly women and children, are sheltered.

Queen Emma (Queen Wilhelmina's mother) contributed \$200 for the relief of the sufferers. A sum of \$2,000 already has been received from Batavia.

POLAR FLIGHT.

NEW EXPEDITION IN THE SPRING.

AMUNDSEN AND ELLSWORTH.

(Reuter's Service.)

Oslo, Jan. 7.

It is announced that the American explorer, Mr. Lincoln Ellsworth, who participated in Amundsen's last Polar flight, will participate in the Polar expedition which is being organized for next Spring in the dirigible "Norge" as joint leader with Amundsen.

The expedition will be called the Amundsen-Ellsworth 1926 Trans-Polar Flight, and its record will be written by the two leaders in co-operation.

The expedition will be managed by the Norwegian Aero Club, and will sail under the Norwegian colours.

SALVAGE WORK.

THE SUNKEN "HERMES" PLANE.

NOT YET RECOVERED.

Salvage operations are being carried out in connection with the recovery of the plane from H.M.S. "Hermes" which sank in the harbour of Kowloon Reclamation yesterday.

The aviators were able to get clear of the machine when it struck the water and they were picked up by boats despatched to the scene.

The machine has not yet been brought to the surface but it is only a matter of time before it will eventually be recovered for the amount of damage to be ascertained with a view to its being put into commission again, or those parts of it used which are unaffected.

GREEK DEBT.

CLAIMS MADE ON UNITED STATES.

WHOLE CREDIT NOT RECEIVED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Jan. 7. The Treasury has received a memorandum in regard to the Greek debt to the United States. It is recalled that a credit of fifty million dollars was extended to Greece in war time, but only fifteen million dollars were advanced. The Greeks believed that they ought to have had the whole credit and have now developed certain claims, which must be smoothed out before funding arrangements can be reached.

STATE AID.

GOOD FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

NEW BRITISH SCHEME.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 7. It is learned officially that 306,000 widows and children are so far benefiting from the pensions under the new Widows and Orphans Pensions Act, which came into operation on January 1. The number of claims received was 163,000; pensions awarded 108,000; applications rejected or withdrawn, 25,000; and applications still under investigation, 35,000.

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BOXER INDEMNITY.

COMING BRITISH MISSION TO CHINA.

THREE CHINESE DELEGATES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 7.

The Foreign Office announces that the British members of the Boxer Indemnity Advisory Committee, namely Lord Buxton, Lord Willingdon, Sir Charles Stewart Addis, Sir William Clark, Sir Christopher Needham, Professor Soothill, Mr. S. P. Waterlow, and Dame Adelaide Anderson, have held informal meetings to discuss the best means of carrying out their task with special reference to the changing conditions in China.

A result it was decided to increase the Chinese membership on the committee to three and appoint a delegation of three British and three Chinese members of the Committee to meet in China to consider the whole question on the spot, take evidence there with regard to the various matters involved, and report their conclusions to the whole Committee.

The British members of the delegation—Lord Willingdon (chairman), Professor Soothill, and Dame Anderson—are leaving for China immediately. It is hoped that the full delegation will be able to begin work at the beginning of March.

OFFER DENIED.

STRESEMANN AND WILSON FOUNDATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, January 7.

Official circles deny that an offer in connection with the Wilson Foundation ever reached Dr. Stresemann.

The following New York message was published yesterday:—The Trustees of the Wilson Foundation have decided to make no award for "unselfish service" in 1925, owing to a difference between the Trustees regarding the most meritorious candidate. The "New York Times" learns that it was decided to share the prize between Sir Austen Chamberlain, M. Briand, and Dr. Stresemann for services at Locarno, but hints were conveyed to the Trustees that Dr. Stresemann would be unable to accept because of the late Dr. Wilson's responsibility for "betraying the German people."

MORE 'QUAKES.

RATHER SEVERE TREMORS IN LUXEMBOURG.

(Reuter's Service.)

Luxembourg, Jan. 7.

Rather severe earthquake tremors, each lasting a few seconds, were felt here and in various parts of the Grand Duchy on Tuesday night.

ENJOY A LAUGH.

QUEEN'S DELIGHTFUL COMEDY.

There is nothing boisterous about the fun in "Our Hospitality," the excellent feature film now showing at the Queen's Theatre. The story in itself is simple, and the characters—if Buster Keaton could be classed as such in any role he undertook to fill—are all ordinary people. Yet the picture is one long laugh from first to last, excepting of course the tragic prologue, which, by its very grimness, adds point to the fun so soon to follow. The story is a tale of the earlier days in America, and the picture has the further merit that the costumes are historically correct. Buster Keaton is of course the hero. Brought up in the peaceful retreat of New York, he goes as a young man to the part of the South where there has long been a bitter feud between his family and another. The train journey he makes in company with a charming young stranger, who later turns out to be the daughter of the hostile family is quite one of the most delightfully amusing interludes that has ever been filmed. Once in the danger zone he has several exciting escapes from untimely death, and later when the efforts to kill him have become better organized, he saves his slender immunity to the unwritten law of hospitality that prevents his hosts from shooting him until he ventures outside their house.

To cap a whole series of comic incidents there is a wonderful scene in which he is being chased by a mob of men, and he escapes by a series of clever stunts. Altogether, "Our Hospitality" is a picture that will give you a good laugh.

"ONE OF THE BEST."

SPONTANEOUS TRIBUTE TO MR. FLETCHER.

HIS CHINESE FRIENDS.

A farewell dinner was given by his Chinese friends at the Yee Woo restaurant yesterday to the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E. About 150 sat down to dinner.

In proposing the toast of "Our Guest," Sir Shou-son Chow (Chairman) said: Mr. Fletcher, staggering under the heavy load of the eulogies and encomiums that have been showered on him by all classes of the community during the last few days, has asked me not to add to his burden; and as I am a good-hearted man I am going to let him off as lightly as I can. And so, gentlemen, you will not have the pleasure of listening to the long and beautiful oration which I had at first intended to prepare.

Mr. Fletcher's Chinese friends are assembled here this evening to testify to him and, through him, to Mrs. Fletcher their great esteem and admiration on the eve of their departure for Ceylon. His promotion to the high office of Colonial Secretary of the most important Crown Colony in the British Empire, has given gratification to all his friends, because it is a promotion that is universally regarded as being well-deserved. Those who know him feel that high as his new office is yet higher preference must assuredly come to him, for a man of his singular ability, rare tact, and inexhaustible energy is bound to get to the top in any walk of life.

COURAGE AND OUTLOOK.

Two of Mr. Fletcher's outstanding characteristics are moral courage and broad outlook—qualities which stamp him as a leader of men. I was sometimes so struck with his capacity for business that I told myself what a great captain of industry the commercial world had lost in him. At other times his quickness of perception and his ability to see all sides of a question so impressed me that I thought what a fine soldier had been lost to our gallant army. However, what has been a loss to our Commerce and to the Army, has been a gain to the Government of Hongkong, to which Colony he has rendered great good service. He is by all consent one of the best officials whom our splendid Cadet Service has produced, and for this reason we greatly deplore losing his services, especially in these trying times when his administrative ability and almost unrivalled experience of the Colony would be of immense value to us. Speaking personally for the Hon. Mr. Kotewall and myself we find him a staunch and loyal friend, and a considerate colleague whose collaboration has always been congenial, and whose advice has been invaluable.

FUTURE GOVERNOR?

Gentlemen, parting is a sad affair, but in this case I refuse to regard it as in any way permanent. Mr. Fletcher goes away to take up the responsible duties recently laid down by our esteemed Governor, and it is within the bounds of probability that he will one day come back to us to assume the high office which Sir Cecil Clement is filling to-day. We are not, therefore, saying "good-bye" to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, but "au revoir."

Mr. Fletcher, I would now, on behalf of the hosts of the evening, ask you to accept for Mrs. Fletcher these small gifts as an inadequate token of our regard and admiration for her. Mrs. Fletcher, by her charm and goodness, has endeared herself to all those who have had the honour of her friendship or acquaintance. I ask you to believe that these are no mere words of conventional platitude, but are the expression of our innermost feelings. Claiming the privilege of old age, and now that she is soon leaving us, I do not mind confessing that I fell in love with her at first sight. To me she seems to be the embodiment of all that is good and winsome in a woman. We wish her and you, Sir, Godspeed and every success in your new sphere of work, and express the hope that my prognostication may come true. Gentlemen, I would now ask you to drink to the health of the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher and his charming lady, Mrs. Fletcher. (Applause.)

Sir Shou-son Chow then handed over to Mr. Fletcher a very beautiful jade pendant for Mrs. Fletcher.

MR. FLETCHER'S THANKS. Mr. Fletcher, in replying, said it was very difficult for him to find adequate words to express his gratitude to the members of the Chinese community for the magnificent reception they had given him. He had to express his thanks for the very kind words which had been voiced by the Chairman, and, on behalf of his wife, he had to thank them most warmly for the most beautiful gift, which he knew his wife would cherish in the years to come, in constant remembrance of the many happy days she had spent among the Chinese of this Colony. He wished particularly to thank them for the terms in which they had spoken of him. He would remind the Chairman that a few months ago, when he was having dinner with him (the speaker), he spoke to him really the nicest words he had ever heard in his life: "I think you are a happy man to have such a good wife."

He had so many friends and such happy recollections—such as fishing out at Tytan Bay, and tennis with Mr. M. K. Lo—and long conversations with them, continued Mr. Fletcher, that he regretted that he had done so little to requite their most abundant hospitality. He could only plead the very poor excuse, the burden of work. In the Colonial Secretary's Office they had to shun late nights, because of the laborious days.

They had been living through troublous times, and he thanked them all for the loyal work they had performed and the assistance they had given the Government. He congratulated them on the fine front they had presented to the misfortunes, which, through no fault of their own, had come upon them.

It would be invidious to single out names where so much good work had been done by the many, but he must break the rule to select those of Sir Shou-son Chow and the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall. He had the privilege to number Sir Shou-son Chow among his dearest friends. He had seen many honours bestowed by H.M. The King, but for meritorious services, and judging by the standard of most loyal work, and work of the greatest value to the community, he did not think anyone had earned an honour more than Sir Shou-son Chow. (Applause.)

And now for Mr. Kotewall. (Applause.) Just 21 years ago when they began their friendship—and when he (the speaker) went to the Colonial Secretary's Office, Mr. Kotewall helped teach him his job. He might say no praise was too high for the work Mr. Kotewall had done in the interests of the Community, during the strenuous days through which they had passed.

He would very much like to mention other names, but if he once began he would not know when to stop. He sincerely hoped and believed that before long there would come a tide in their affairs which, taken at the flood, would take them back to fortune. So, he would bid them "Good bye."

AIR JOYRIDES.

LOCAL SIGHTS FROM THE AIR.

Hongkong as seen from the air has been put before the public by the First Dutch Air Co., who are considering the possibilities of Far East aerial transport.

On Wednesday, Mr. Helling took up passengers in his Caudron biplane, and gave them their first sight.

Starting from the Kai Tak reclamation ground, Kowloon Bay, he piloted the plane for a flight of about half an hour over the harbour and surrounding territory. Those who took part in the pioneer effort were Messrs. Yeung Shun-mat and Ho Wing-leung of Nanyang Bros. and Messrs. T. B. Jackson and Pang Shu-jin.

The flights will continue every day for a fortnight, and during that time Mr. Helling will also undertake to drop pamphlets containing advertising matter. Tickets for flight are obtainable at Anderson's at \$20 each.



THE FLOWER SHOW.

CHAIRMAN ON PUBLIC INTEREST.

GRATER SUPPORT NEEDED.

An appeal for more interest to be taken in the Society and its annual show was made at a special meeting yesterday of the Hongkong Horticultural Society to which the public were invited.

The Chairman (Mr. J. A. Plummer) spoke of the difficulty of getting new arrivals to take the place of members who had left.

In considering the question whether the show should be staged or not, it must be borne in mind that they were entirely dependent on the individual efforts of members to make it a success, whether, in fact, they had flowers or vegetables to exhibit.

The strike left many of them without native gardeners for several months during the summer and early autumn, and in consequence some gardens were either very late or had been abandoned for the time being.

On the other hand, he believed the effect of the strike had been beneficial in one respect, in as much as it had induced many people to take a much more personal interest in gardening, instead of leaving it entirely to the gardener to produce what he could in his own way.

Thus, to his mind, was a great advantage, and led him to hope that they would find a greater number of people to take a keen and active interest in the Society.

Personally, he would be very sorry to see the show abandoned this year, and believed if everyone who had anything in the way of flowers or vegetables coming on would make it a point of honour to exhibit, they would have no difficulty in staging a successful show. (Hear, hear.)

The difficulty was to get everyone to co-operate. People had such a habit of saying their flowers were not good enough to compete for prizes or that it was too much trouble to send their exhibits along.

A SPECIAL EFFORT. He hoped they would all make a special effort if a show was decided on, to induce their friends to assist by sending exhibits, even if they were not quite up to the usual high standard of excellence. Another difficulty the Committee had to contend with each year, was to decide beforehand the amount of accommodation likely to be required. It would be a particularly difficult problem this year.

He suggested that it might be overcome by sending a circular letter to members, asking if they would exhibit and to what extent. If the response was poor the Committee might feel justified in cutting down the schedule, and holding a show on a somewhat smaller scale. He hoped that would not be necessary.

He formally moved that the Society decide to hold the annual show this year on a suitable date to be fixed by the Committee.

Mr. L. Gibbs seconded. Mr. Ho Kim-tong thought he could promise fair support from Chinese gardeners.

The proposal to hold the show was carried unanimously.

The Chairman announced the annual meeting would take place in about a fortnight. The date of the show would be decided upon by the new committee. He thought it would probably be held either the second or third week in March.

Those present were: Mr. J. A. Plummer (Chairman), Mr. E. B. C. Horne (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. Dyer, Messrs. L. Gibbs, Choo Poo-ach, Ho Kim-tong (members of the Committee), Messrs. K. S. Morrison, G. M. Shaw, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, T. H. King, Dr. Saunders, etc.



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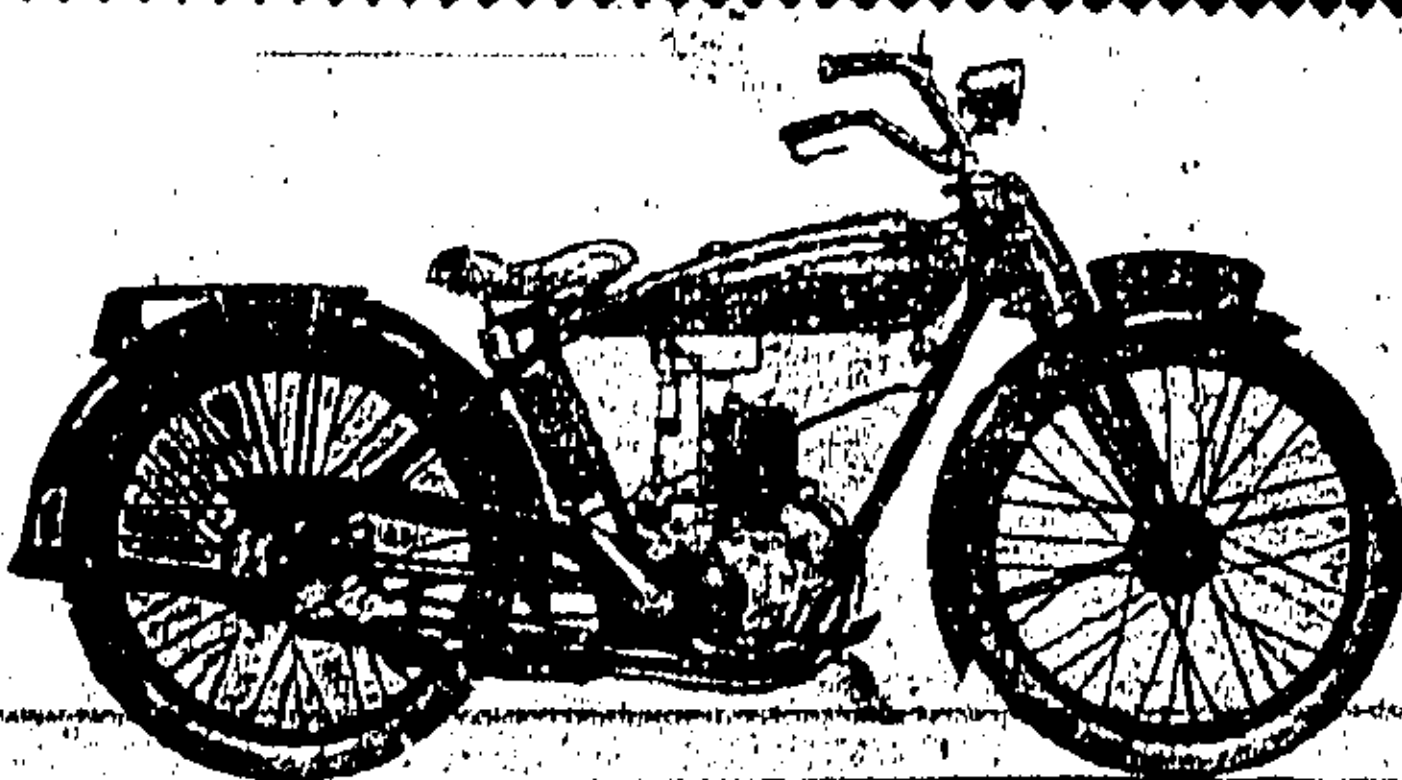
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There was one Chinese case of diphtheria reported during the 24 hours ended on Wednesday.

A meeting of members of the Association of Subscribers to the Kowloon Tong Building Scheme is to be held to-morrow.

Arrested in Chapei for recruiting soldiers without proper authority from the headquarters of General Sun Chuan-fang, Tapan of Kiangse, three Chinese have suffered the full extent of Cheking military law. The three men were taken out at midnight and shot.

A Japanese clerk of the Yokohama Specie Bank in Hankow, while out on a shooting trip by himself in the vicinity of Wuchang about three weeks ago, has never returned. All efforts to locate him have failed, and there is no way to ascertain what has happened to him. The magistrate of Wuchang has issued a notice offering \$1,000 to anyone who can find him dead or alive.

The Corporation of Austrian Publishers and Booksellers is inviting the Education Board and the Press to co-operate in a plan to educate the masses to appreciate good literature. It is proposed to found public libraries in all districts, containing well-printed and carefully-selected editions of the world's best literature. The production and distribution of the books will be arranged in order to bring them within the range of all classes.

"Peace is Christ's message to humanity," said Lord Parmoor in an address urging forgiveness and Christian charity for the healing of the nations of Europe. Locarno was the first step toward a permanent peace system, he said. It was admittedly partial in its application, and Great Britain was assuming the responsibility of a guarantor without herself assenting to arbitration for the settlement of all international disputes. In the long run, he said, "the wider principle" adopted at Geneva in 1924 must be accepted, and all nations must assent to impartial decision by arbitration or tribunals as a substitute for the arbitrament of war.

China and Japan are to participate in the Manila Carnival. The Chinese Consul at Manila has organized a committee composed of prominent Chinese, to take charge of the construction of the Chinese pavilion and the installation of exhibits. Construction work in the Carnival City is well advanced and by the end of the month more than 70 per cent. will have been completed.

Secretary Mellon has been unable to find the proper place to dispose of a fund of \$91,000, of which he has had custody, and has asked the Department of Justice to start court proceedings to decide to whom the money shall be paid. The fund represents a payment by the Government of Peru to the heirs of John Celestine Landreau for claims by Landreau and his brother for services in mining development.

Important prison reforms, including the establishment of a prison colony for women, were advocated before the British Columbia Government by representatives of the Provincial Council of Women, an organization embracing the entire Province. The delegation urged that indeterminate prison sentences be brought into effect; that women prisoners be allowed to engage in useful work like poultry raising, needlework and dairying; and that a home for drug addicts be created.

A comparatively small but nevertheless important housing scheme is being steadily carried on by the Church Army, London, through a subsidiary organization called Church Army Housing, Ltd. The society has been in existence since November, 1924, and has erected blocks of houses of the non-parlor type, which can be rented, including all local taxation, for about 12s. a week, in three different districts of London. Great difficulty is experienced, in the vicinity of London in finding suitable sites for small housing operations and the Church Army activities will hereafter adopt the plan of acquiring a large acreage for operations, proceeding with the building as funds become available.

A distressing accident occurred near Onomichi city in Japan when a festival was held at the Kasanokami Shrine. Crowds of people flocked to the shrine all day long. In the afternoon the stone torii suddenly fell down killing two people outright and injuring fourteen others, four of the number very seriously.

A fire broke out at the Nilmori-za, a theatre in Okeyachi, Nagoya, and the whole building was destroyed. The loss is estimated to reach over ¥250,000. Some carpenters who were working in the building until very late the previous night, making things ready for a New Year performance, are believed to have failed to properly extinguish a fire they had made to keep themselves warm.

There are about 3,000 foreigners actually enrolled this winter at the University of Paris. Many of them are British or American. There is no real resentment expressed anywhere, though it is suggested that some of them would do well to begin their studies in the provincial universities. Various problems arise which are the subject of discussion in the important French newspapers, but on the whole Paris is proud that it should be regarded as the centre of culture. The Quarter Latin is converted into an exotic district in which one may find the Anglo-Saxon, the Oriental, the Balkan, the Slav and the Latin races mingled.

Unfortunately the invasion of students from countries whose money has maintained a high level tends to raise the prices for the French students, who, dependent upon the franc, are much poorer than their foreign colleagues. These latter can pay whatever is demanded by the hotel keepers, by the restaurants and by the cafes, and they have first choice. It is not surprising that some protest should be raised from time to time, but, as the Frigaro puts it, the presence of so many strangers on the Boulevard Saint Michel should be a matter of congratulation, for it is a sign of the prestige of French intelligence, a pledge of international friendship, and a homage to the genius of the French race.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. Sun Yat-sen arrived in the Colony yesterday by the "President Lincoln."

The band of the "Hawkins" is to play at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday evening.

Joseph O'Rosco, supervising tobacco inspector of the bureau of internal revenue, Manila, retired December 31, after 26 years of continuous and faithful service. O'Rosco is resigning under the Osmeña act, which entitles him to receive 20 per cent. of his regular salary from the Government. Silverio Blaquera, special tobacco agent of the same bureau and secretary of the tobacco board, has been designated to fill the vacancy.

Among the passengers who arrived to-day on the P. and O. s.s. "Malwa" were Mr. and Mrs. Ansin, Major and Mrs. E. A. Alabaster, Mr. W. D. Bell, Capt. G. Byers, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barbour, Lady Bell, Miss Bell, Mrs. A. H. Crook and child, Mr. Cecil Dorrer, Mrs. Gillingham, Mr. and Mrs. Gray, Mr. S. H. Hills, Mr. D. E. Hudson, Mr. W. B. Little, Lieut. S. W. Lushington, Mrs. R. Larter, Maj. Gen. C. C. Luard, Mr. J. M. Meikle, Capt. J. D. Milne, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Mudge, Mr. and Mrs. Maidland, Mr. P. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Markham, Mr. R. Murray, Capt. G. D. Nicholl, Mr. J. S. Oliver, Mrs. M. Potts.

The Tokyo Amateur Jazz Orchestra, composed of business men of Tokyo and Yokohama, started their season on December 14 by playing at the banquet and ball given in honour of the new American Ambassador at the Imperial Hotel. Other engagements have already been made. All the takings of the orchestra, after deducting expenses go to charity, and since the orchestra was started it has already donated ¥11,450 in this way. Among the institutions which have benefited are St. Luke's Hospital (¥4,000), American School (¥3,000), and Yokohama General Hospital (¥1,600). The members of the orchestra are Mr. J. Budge, drums; Capt. Phillips, banjo; Mr. W. Kildoy, piano; Mr. H. L. Walters, banjo; Mr. C. Fox, alto saxophone; Mr. K. Domoto, trumpet.

Two ladies have joined the Tientsin Kennel Club which now boasts 40 members.

Mr. F. Thiel, German Consul at Shanghai has returned from a trip to his home land.

Mr. L. M. Jee, manager of the Peacock Motion Picture Company in China, gave an address at the Shanghai Chinese Y.M.C.A. on "The Moving Picture Industry in China."

Mr. Fletcher S. Brockman, secretary for the Far East of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A.'s of the United States, arrived in Shanghai on the "Shanghai Maru" on January 2.

New Year greetings from President Coolidge, Secretary of War Davis and the Bureau of Insular Affairs for Governor-General Wood and the Filipino people were received by cable from Washington, D. C. at Malacca.

The cable said: "Wood: The President, the Secretary of War and Bureau of Insular Affairs extend to you and the Filipinos people best wishes for the New Year."

The Chinese community at Manila observed New Year's Day, in new style with a special literary and musical programme. In the morning the members of the Chinese Dramatic Club held a reception and staged a drama in the Confucius theatre. The theatre was crowded with Chinese of the younger generation. In the evening, the Kuomintang party held a monster mass meeting in the auditorium of the Chinese High School. Addresses were delivered by leaders of the party.

Dr. John R. Mott, general secretary of the National Christian Council of the Y.M.C.A.'s of the United States, and member of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Mission Boards of North America, is now in Japan en route for a visit to the East Indies, Australia and New Zealand. He is expected in Shanghai and will be engaged in several conferences having to do with the organisations with which he is connected. He will leave for the South about the middle of January. He is accompanied by Mrs. Mott.

M. Alexandre Varenne, Governor-General of French Indo-China, is to pay a visit to Siam early this year on the invitation of the Siamese Government.

A report in motion picture circles that the stork is to make a second visit to the home of Charlie Chaplin, comedian, has been partly confirmed at the Chaplin studio. "This is just a little previous, isn't it?" the comedian countered in answer to queries. "We live in hopes and I would be very happy if it were true. Come around a little later and we may have something to tell you. Mrs. Chaplin is the one to see, however."

The Liberty Magazine's weekly prize for bravery, consisting of \$1,000 in cash and a gold medal was recently awarded to Staff Sergeant Patrick Ahern, U.S. Army, instructor at the Gulf Coast Military Academy, Mississippi, as the Liberty's recognition of most distinguished heroism and self-sacrifice. With his clothes on fire and himself swinging from a nearby tree to reach the window of a burning house, Sergeant Ahern dragged his young daughter to safety after all hope was given up. She was the last one of eight persons he rescued single handed.

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"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE**RUGBY INTERPORT.****HOW HONGKONG LOST TO KEIO.****COMMENT ON MATCH.**

Of the interport rugby match on December 30 in which Keio University (Tokyo) defeated Hongkong, at Shanghai, the "Shanghai Times" comments:—

Conditions were ideal. Keio played fast and clever football to defeat Hongkong by one goal and one try (5 points) to a try (3 points). There was a cold wind blowing diagonally across the ground from the pavilion end, which gave the side playing from that end a considerable advantage, but did not interfere with the handling of the ball, which was as dry as could have been desired. The Hongkong team was:—

Hongkong: H. J. Armstrong, Easterbrook, L. M. S. Lloyd, A. S. Hett, G. P. Lammert, L. P. Ralph, J. Noronha, J. H. Foster, F. J. W. Pocken, G. G. Stapani-Thomson, H. Davies, Lieut. Gould, D. O'Connor, G. Lithgow-Smith, J. C. Middleton-Smith.

The outstanding man on the field was the Hongkong captain, G. P. Lammert, who scored the Colony's only points by a magnificent individual effort, and nearly repeated it in the second half by a run from what looked an impossible position, where he was hemmed in by Keio players, nearly over the line. Time and again he was conspicuous in dashing saves, crossing to relieve the situation on the other wing on many occasions.

The Hongkong three-quarter line showed a great improvement on the display against Shanghai, being individually brilliant but lacking in the combination which was necessary to defeat the nippy Japanese. Hett and Lloyd did many good things in the inside positions, kicking well, and saving time and again, while Easterbrook on the left wing got in one very fine run, which might have resulted in a score had he been better supported, and showed good defence.

Of the forwards Foster, O'Connor, and Middleton-Smith showed up well in a hard fighting pack. Pocken and Lithgow-Smith were prominent in many rushes, but the pack as a whole seemed inclined to rely too much on brute force rather than skill, kicking too far ahead on the dribble, time and again giving the slippery Japanese backs time to start a movement before the forwards caught up with the ball. In the line-out they were good, but their tackling showed much to be desired and their going down to the ball was poor in the opening stages. The whole pack played hard from start to finish, going all out once they had settled down after the first few minutes.

The Dinner.

Replying to the toast at the interport dinner, Mr. G. P. Lammert, before handing over the flag, thanked the Shanghai rugby community for the hospitality extended, and expressed his appreciation of the series of games, in which, though his side had been twice defeated, every one had thoroughly enjoyed himself.

Mr. L. Bates replying for the Keio men invited Shanghai to send a team to play the University on its own ground. He outlined the history of Rugby in Japan, of which game Keio had been the pioneers.

A Brief Summary.

The "China Press" of January 3 said:—

Shanghai rugby team won the interport football series here by defeating both the Keio University and the Hongkong teams, with one day's lay-off between the games.

Rather unexpectedly, the most difficult match was that with the Keio University team. The Japanese players put up a splendid game, and in the opinion of many, fully deserved to win. Shanghai finally emerged winners from this struggle by a score of 13 to 12, a score which is a good index to the closeness of the play.

In the second contest, with Hongkong, the local players won out by the decisive score of 10 to 3. The players from the Colony, contrary to expectations, were weaker than the Japanese team, but they put up a fine battle, and Shanghai had to extend themselves to win.

London, Dec. 17.—C. Stewart Caine, who has been associated with Wisden's Cricketers' Almanack for the past forty years, has been appointed Editor in succession to the late Mr. Sydney Pardon.

ALL THE SCORES.**HOME RUGBY AHEAD OF MAIL.****INTER-VARSITY MATCHES.**

(Via Colombo.)

London, December 19.

Results of the principal matches played in the rugby union to-day are as follow:—

Aberavon 9, Newport 3.
Blackheath 8, Richmond 3.
Bridgewater 3, Plymouth 10.
Gloucester 10, Harlequins 14.
Guy's Hospital 13, Portsmouth Services 13.

Leicester 12, Bristol 5.
London Scottish 3, Rosslyn Park 10.

Northampton 24, Old Merchant Taylors 5.

Cardiff 13, Moseley 3.

Llanelli 11, Devonport Services 5.
Swansea 9, Ninth 8.

Old Alkynians 8, St. Bart's Hospital 12.

London, December 18.

At rugby, Edinburgh Academicals beat Oxford University by 3 points to nil.

London, December 17.

In rugby union matches to-day Dublin University beat Cambridge University by 6 points to 5.

Edinburgh University lost to Oxford University by 22 points to 11.

COLONIAL SHOTS.**CHANCE AT NEXT N.R.A. MEETING.****A JUNIOR "KOLAPORE."**

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 7.

A feature of the 63rd annual prize meeting of the National Rifle Association, to be held from July 5 to 17 will be a junior Kolapore competition for teams of four representatives any colony or dependency of the Empire, excluding the Dominions and India, on the same conditions as for the Kolapore Cup.

The following will be the respective teams playing on the H.K.C.C. ground to-morrow commencing at 1.15 p.m.: Over 30:—R. Hancock (capt.), Lt. Com. Bentley, Lt. Col. Cantrell, A. W. Hayward, J. D. Humphreys, Capt. E. W. Morris, E. J. R. Mitchell, R. E. H. Oliver, T. E. Penner, Rev. T. B. Powell, and Lt. Col. T. A. Robertson.

Under 30:—H. Owen Hughes (capt.), A. C. I. Bowker, Eng.-Lt. Bennett, Lt. Halsey, Pay.-Lt. Hussey, Lt. Nicholson, H. V. Parker, Lt. Sibbott, Mid. Stephenson, Lt. Wauchope, and F. N. Young.

WEEK-END SPORTS BUDGET.**LEAGUE SOCCER.****TO-MORROW'S GAMES IN DETAIL.**

The following are the league football games down for decision to-morrow:—

Division I.

Kowloon v. Surveys, Kowloon ground, 4 p.m.

Club de Recreio v. H.K.F.C., South China ground, 4 p.m.

South China v. Police, Club ground, 4 p.m.

"Tamar" v. Royal Artillery, Sookumpoo "B" ground, 4 p.m.

Div. II (Sec. A).

R.A. Reserves v. South China "A," Sookumpoo "A" ground, 4 p.m.

Kowloon Reserves v. Club de Recreio "A," Kowloon ground, 2.30 p.m.

St. Joseph's College v. H.K.F.C. Reserves, Navy "B" ground, 2.30 p.m.

Div. II (Sec. B).

South China "C" v. Moslem "B," Sookumpoo "A" ground, 2.30 p.m.

Kowloon "B" v. South China "E," South China ground, 2.30 p.m.

Moslem "A" v. St. Joseph's Reserves, St. Joseph's ground, 2.30 p.m.

Lai Wah Cup.

The final in the Lai Wah Cup competition will take place next Saturday, (January 16) on the Club ground, kick off at 2.30 p.m.

The finalists are The Navy and The Civilians.

In the event of a draw at full time, an extra ten minutes each way will be played.

The following have been selected to represent the Civilians:—Rodger, Wynne, Bishop, Brittain, Stewart, McKelvie, Taylor, Forsyth, Gosano, Howard, Simpson.

FANLING GOLF.**CAPTAIN'S CUP DURING WEEK-END.**

This week-end, the only Golf Club competition at Fanling is the Captain's Cup, on the old course, from Saturday to Monday inclusive.

HUNT OUT AGAIN.

On Saturday the Fanling Hounds meet at 3 p.m. at the Sheungshui Police Station.

The rendezvous on Sunday is the junction of Lok-ma-chau and Fanling Road, meet at 10.30 a.m.

Joint Masters:—Mr. H. Birkett and Dr. F. Pierce Grove.

Readers of the "China Mail" sports page are invited to send to the Sports Editor, not later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, items for publication in the Budget.

SCHOOL CRICKET.**DIOCESAN BOYS BEAT "CENTRAL."****GOOD FIELDING SHOWN.**

With a view to encouraging local school cricket, the Chinese Recreation Club lent their ground for a match between the Diocesan Boys' School and the Central British School on Wednesday.

The C.B.S. were offered first knock and were defeated by the Diocesan boys by six wickets.

A. E. Lee took 8 wickets in the first innings.

The fielding on both sides was good, that of the D.B.S. being slightly the better.

The Central British School played G. G. Edwards, 13 years of age, who has already made a name in the Civil-Service C.C., and is down as a 2nd XI reserve to-morrow.

"CENTRAL" (1ST INNINGS.)

F. Angus, run out 0
T. R. Rowell, b A. Lee 0
R. G. Wickett, c E. Lee, b Mackay 0

A. Bliss, b A. Lee 7
J. Hirst, b A. Lee 9
T. Whitley, c Samy, b A. Lee 6
J. Maycock, b A. Lee 0
D. Kelly, b A. Lee 0
G. G. Edwards, b A. Lee 25
D. Hynes, c Youngsaye, b A. Lee 4
MacClay, not out 0
Extras 5

Total 56

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
A. E. Lee 7 3 13 8
Mackay 6 0 32 1
Gittins 1 0 6 0

DIOCESAN (1ST INNINGS.)

S. V. Gittins, c Maycock, b Hirst 8
F. J. Zimmer, c Edwards, b Rowell 21
E. A. Lee, c Hirst, b Whitley 2
R. C. Samy, c Rowell, b Hirst 21
A. E. Lee, c Bliss, b Rowell 0
J. F. Youngsaye, c Wickett, b Whitley 0
D. J. Anderson, c Bliss, b Hirst 3
N. A. Mackay, b Bliss 4
P. R. Zimmer, not out 10
J. G. Gutterres, b Bliss 0
J. A. Fisher, b Hirst 0
Extras 7

Total 76

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Bliss 8 1 22 2
Hirst 10 3 30 4
Rowell 6 2 14 2
Whitley 3 1 3 2

"CENTRAL" (2 INNINGS.)

F. Angus, c E. Lee, b A. Lee 15
T. Whitley, run out 5
J. Hirst, not out 3
G. G. Edwards, run out 0
D. Kelly, c Gutterres, b E. Lee 4
J. Maycock, c Samy, b E. Lee 0
A. Bliss, b E. Lee 8
D. Hynes, c F. R. Zimmer, b Mackay 4
MacClay, c Samy, b E. Lee 0
MacNider, run out 4
Extras 4

Total 47

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
A. E. Lee 4 1 13 2
Youngsaye 3 0 12 0
E. A. Lee 3 0 7 4
Mackay 2 0 11 1

DIOCESAN (2ND INNINGS.)

J. I. Zimmer, c McNider, b Bliss 28
F. C. Samy, b Hirst 0
L. J. Gutterres, run out 1
A. E. Lee, retired hurt 0
S. V. Gittins, not out 2
Extras 3

Total (for 4 wks.) 34

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Bliss 3 1 12 1
Hirst 2 0 19 1

BELGIAN FRANC.

FURTHER STEP FOR IT'S STABILISATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 7.

Belgium has given one year's notice of the intended withdrawal from membership of the Latin Monetary Union. The other members of the Union are France, Italy, and Switzerland.

Belgium's action is the sequel to measures, which have been taken for the stabilisation of the Belgian franc.

LAWN TENNIS.**ANNUAL TOURNAMENT AT H.K.C.C.****NOTE FOR COMPETITORS.**

This year's annual lawn tennis tournament conducted by the Hongkong Cricket Club, including the open championships of the Colony, commences on March 1 (Monday).

Mainly, details are as follow:—

1.—Men's Championship Singles: Challenge cup kindly presented by the Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, to be held for one year and won outright if won by the same player three years in succession. (Holder, Capt. C. H. B. O'Callaghan, 1925).

2.—Men's Championship Doubles: Two challenge cups kindly presented by the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, to be held for one year and won outright if won by the same pair three years in succession. (Holders, Messrs. H. D. & S. A. Ramjiah, 1925).

[The committee reserve the right to make one class of events 4 and 5 and to put any player in either event.]

3.—Club Championship:—A challenge cup, kindly presented by the late Mons. R. de Journal, to be held for one year and won outright if won by the same player three years in succession. (Holder, Mr. S. K. Green, 1925).

4.—Handicap Singles. "A."
5.—Handicap Singles. "B."

[The committee reserve the right to make one class of events 4 and 5 and to put any player in either event.]

6.—Handicap Doubles.

[The committee reserve the right to make two classes of event 6 if there are a large number of entries.]

Events 1 and 2 are open to any player resident in the Colony. Others are restricted.

Entrance fees:—Events one and two, \$3 each player; three, four and five, \$2.50; six and seven, \$2 each player.

Entries close on Saturday, January 30.

Holders of challenge cups wishing to take part, must enter and play from commencement.

SOCCER LEAGUE.**HOW THE LOCAL TEAMS STAND.**

Excluding the incomplete matches in division II, section B, last Saturday, the local league football tables now stand as follow:—

Division I.

P. W. D. L. F. A. P.
Kowloon 9 6 1 2 28 9 13
Surveys 9 5 2 1 23 9 12
South China 9 5 2 1 23 9 12
H.K.F.C. 9 5 1 3 9 10 11
Recreio 9 4 1 4 21 20 9
Artillery 9 2 2 5 12 24 9
Police 11 2 1 8 17 5 7
Tamar 8 2 0 6 5 22 4

Div. II (Sec. A).

P. W. D. L. F. A. P.
Kowloon Reserves 10 7 1 2 22 6 15
South China "A" 7 7 0 0 11 2 14
Surveys Reserves 8 5 2 1 34 4 12
R.A. Reserves 7 3 3 1 9 8 9
Drummers 11 4 1 2 23 24 9
St. Joseph's 8 1 1 0 6 23 3
Recreio "A" 8 0 1 7 3 28 1
H.K.F.C. Reserves 8 0 1 7 3 28 1

Div. II (Sec. B).

P. W. D. L. F. A. P.
South China "C" 6 5 1 0 14 5 11
University 7 5 1 1 12 10 11
St. Joseph's 6 4 2 0 12 5 10
Drummers 6 2 4 1 17 3 8
Kowloon "A" 6 3 0 3 9 12 0
South China "B" 5 1 0 4 16 11 2
Kowloon "B" 6 0 2 4 7 12 2
Moslem "B" 7 0 1 6 3 25 1

London, Dec. 17.—The death has occurred of the old-time cricketer, Mr. A. N. Hornby, who captained Lancashire for nearly 20 seasons. [The late Mr. A. N. Hornby played for Harrow, Lancashire, and All-England. He was born in 1847. He played in two Tests against the Australians—in 1882 at the Oval and in 1884 at Manchester.]

DANISH EXCHANGE.

BIG CREDIT ARRANGED IN AMERICA.

(Reuter's Service.)

New York, Jan. 7.

The National Bank of Denmark has arranged a credit of forty million dollars for one year with the Bankers' Trust Company, New York, to provide balances for the stabilisation of exchange.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.**OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.**

HONGKONG, JANUARY 8, 1926, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Shanghai Stock Exchange.	Share & Bond Exchange Bullion.
T.T. on London	2/4 1/2	2/4 1/2	2/4 1/2
T.T. on Shanghai	76 3/4	76 3/4	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1060 b.	\$1070 n.	\$1070 b.
do. London	\$120 n. [sa.]		\$127 1/2 n.
Chartered Bank	\$21 n.	\$21 n.	\$ 21 1/4 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	\$20 1/2 n.	\$20 1/2 n.	\$20 1/2 n.
do. C.	\$13 1/2 n.	\$13 1/2 n.	\$12 n.
P. & O. Bank	\$10 1/2 n.	\$10 1/2 n.	\$10 1/2 n.
Bank of East Asia	\$85 n.	\$80 n.	\$80 b.
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	500 b.	600 n.	\$ 600 n.
China Underwriters	254 n.	230 n.	2 s.
North China Insurance	T 145 n.	T 140 n.	T 140 n.
Union Insurance	253 b.	254 n.	\$254 n.
Yangtze Insurance	35 b.	36 b.	36 n.
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	165 b.	160 b.	\$200 n.
H.K. Fire Insurance	600 s.	600 n.	590 s.
Shipping.			
Douglases	35 b.	32 b.	35 s.
Hongkong Steamboats	24 b.	24 s.	23 b.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	4 1/2 n.	4 1/2 n.	4 s.
Indo-China (Pref.)	38 n.	38 n.	37 n.
do. (Def.) Ltd.	65 1/2 s.	65 1/2 s.	65 s.
do. (Hk.)	65 1/2 s.	65 1/2 s.	65 s.
Oriental Navigation	\$250 n.	255 n.	255 n.
Shell Transports	98 b.	97 1/2 b.	97 1/2 b.
Star Ferries	\$62 1/2 n.	58 1/2 n.	\$60 n.
Water-boats	16 b.	16 n.	16 b.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	31 s.	31 n.	31 s.
Malabon Sugars	48 n.	35 s.	50 n.
Mining.			
Benguets	1.00 n.	—	2 1/4 n.
Kailan Mining Ad.	45 1/2 n.	54 n.	47 1/2 n.
Langkats (Combined)	T 33 1/2 n.	T 34 1/2 n.	T 34 s.
do. (Single)	20 n.	21 n.	21 n.
Shanghai Exploration	\$ 45 n.	5 1/2 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	8 n.	8 n.	8 n.
Rauba	\$5.80 s.	5.80 s.	7 s.
Tronch Mines	\$81 n.	60 1/2 n.	60 1/2 b.
Ural Caspian	8 1/2 n.	—	7 1/2 b.
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$130 n.	\$130 n.	\$130 s.
H.K. & W. Docks	56 b.	56 b.	56 b.
Hongkows	T 165 b.	T 165 b.	T 165 b.
New Engineerings	7 b.	T 7 b.	7 b.
Shanghai Docks	114 n.	114 b.	112 b.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	\$8 1/2 s. 8 sa.	8.10 b.	8 s.
do. (new)			
Hongkong Lands	68 1/2 sa.	66 sa.	67 s.
H.K. Realty	5 b.	5 1/4 sa.	5 1/2 b.
H.K. Territorials	6 b.	6 1/4 b.	6 b.
Humphreys Estates	13 1/4 b.	13 1/4 sa.	14 1/2 s.
Princes Building	150 n.	150 s.	—
Rural Lands	7 s.	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	T 10 s.	T 10 1/4 b.	T 10 s.
Oriental	3 n.	3 b.	3 1/2 s.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	62 s.	62 s.	62 s.
do. (new)	31 s.	34 s.	35 s.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	3 1/2 n.	\$7 s.	\$ 7 s.
Cements (comb.)	15 1/4 b.	15 1/4 n.	15 b.
do. (old)	12 1/2 n.	12 n.	12 b.
do. (new)	3 n.	3 n.	3 b.
China Buses	T 10 1/4 sa.	17 b.	17 1/2 s.
China Lights (comb.)	19 n.	12 1/2 b.	13 s.
do. (old)	10 1/2 n.	9 1/2 s.	10 s.
China Prov. (comb.)	32 1/2 n.	8 n.	—
do. (old)	8 1/4 n.	—	8 1/4 s.
do. (new)	8 1/4 n.	—	—
Dairy Farms	17 1/4 n.	17 1/4 b.	17 1/2 s.
Der A Wing (full pd.)	10 n.	10 n.	—
do. (part pd.)	5 n.	—	—
Hongkong Amusements	10 1/2 b.	10 b.	4 s.
H.K. Constructions	24 b.	23 1/2 b.	24 s.
Hongkong Electric	54 n.	55 n.	54 s. & 55 s.
H.K. Developments	30 cts. b.	24 n.	25 b.
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	40 n.	—	40 n.
do. (old)	13 1/4 n.	13 1/2 s.	14 b.
do. (new)	8 1/4 n.	8 1/2 s.	8 1/2 n.
Hongkong Tramways	24 1/2 n.	23 b. 23 1/2 s.	24 s.
Lane, Crawford	12 1/4 n.	12 1/2 s.	13 s.
Macao Electric	40 n.	—	—
MacIntosh	21 1/2 n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobacco	—	12.10 b.	—
Tram Trams (old)	16 b.	15 1/2 b.	17 b.
do. (new)	8 n.	8 n.	9 n.
Sincerea	11 s.	10 b.	9 b.
Singapore Trams	—	8 1/2 n.	—
Taxi	4 s.	5 s.	5 s.
United Asbestos	20 n.	—	—
do. (Pounders) do. (Ordinary)	—	600 n. 18 n.	— 14 s.
Watsons (old) do. (new)	12 1/4 b. 12 1/2 b.	12 1/2 n. —	— —
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People and Events in the News of the World



PROF. GEORGE VAN BIESBROECK

Prof. George Van Biesbroeck at Yerkes Observatory discovered a strange tailed star which cannot be observed by the naked eye.



DIAMOND TEETH LEFKOWITZ

"Diamond Teeth" Lefkowitz, returned home from London with the gums removed from his ivory. For years his flashing smile almost blinded his friends as the diamonds gleamed in his teeth.



C. C. WU, JR.

The father of C. C. Wu, Jr., is a prominent figure in Canton, centre of communism in China. The youngster's granddad was the celebrated Dr. Wu Ting-fang, former Chinese Minister to London.



JEAN NASH & PEGGY JOYCE

Paris is wondering if Peggy Hopkins Joyce, of stage fame, will be the bride of the Marquis Medici as soon as she secures a divorce from Count Morner. Mrs. Jean Nash, "best dressed woman in the world," has issued invitations to a champagne party to celebrate the breaking of her engagement to the Marquis.



Rambling Gold, English coursing hound, made a world's record high jump of 12 feet 2 inches. He is also said to be one of the speediest canines in the world.



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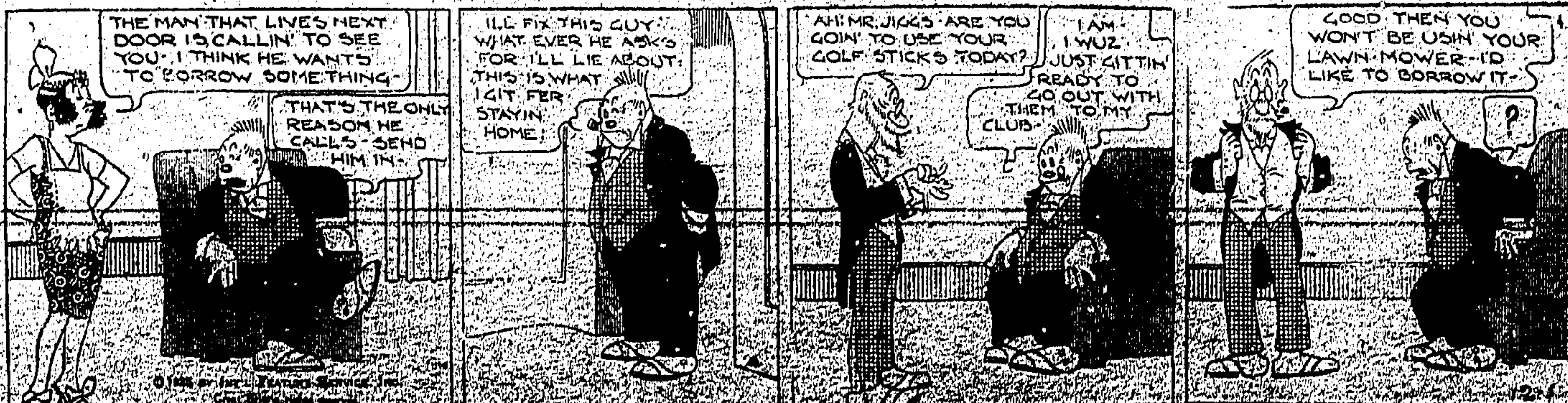
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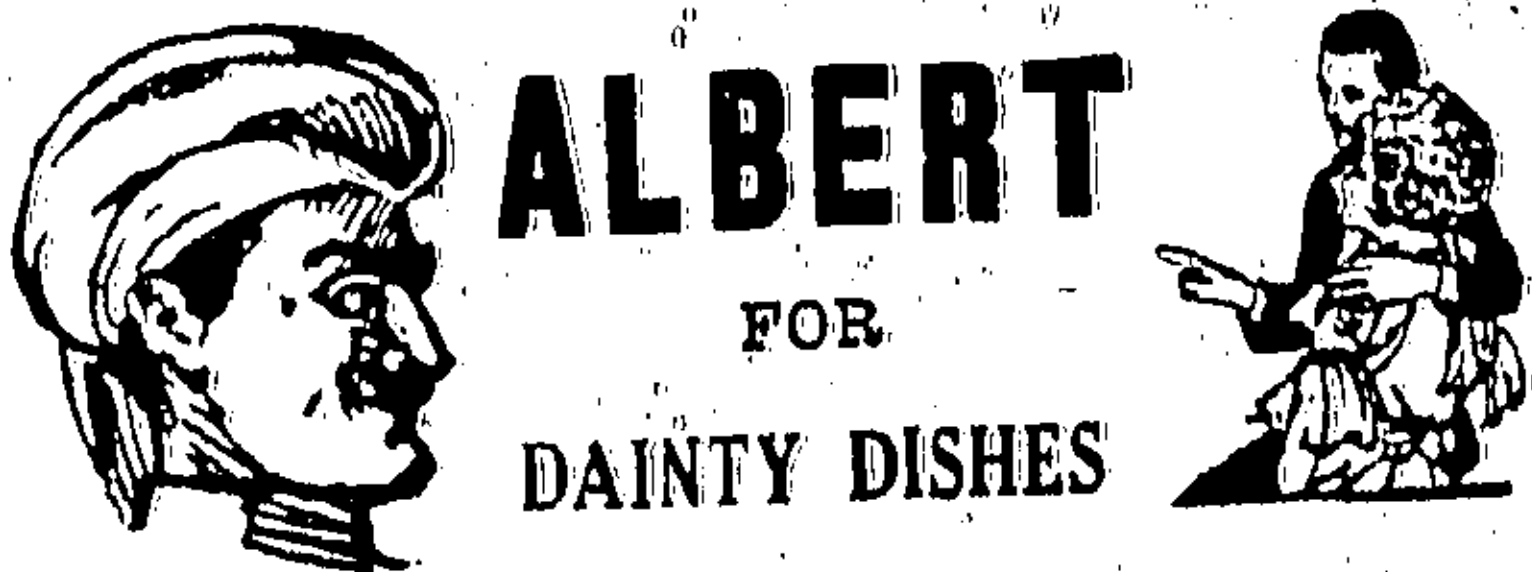
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ODDS AND ENDS

Novelist on "Anglo-Catholicism."

Miss Sheila Kaye-Smith has published a book entitled "Anglo-Catholicism." This is not so much, I imagine (observes a writer in the "Evening Standard"), due to the influence of her husband, the Rev. Theodore Fry, who is an Anglican clergyman of pronounced High Church tendencies, as of her own convictions. Indeed, it was the similarity of their religious tastes that brought the two together, and their work for Anglo-Catholicism is not confined to writing or even preaching about it. They are both ardent labourers in this particular corner of the vineyard.

The Old-Fashioned Curd.

"Don't you wish that some enterprising soul would revive the delicious Christmas cards of the nineteenth century?" said a woman who was choosing greeting cards from the stationer's album (according to the London "Evening News.") "I mean the ones that opened to display a sort of stage set with figures and trees, beasts, and so on. There was something entrancing about their naive simplicity, and they allured the old as well as the young with their charms. Then there were the frosted cards, with robins in the snow, and lovely ones made of lacy cut-out paper over a background of coloured isinglass, or something that looked like it. I am sure that if only such cards as these were obtainable, I should all exchange them with alacrity."

The Negro Arrives.

The negro "mammy" and the "good nigger" are out of date, says a "Daily News" New York correspondent. The new negro demands that there shall be no bars to equality, not even the bar on inter-marriage. He does extraordinary things. He has made enormous fortunes for people who straighten, or pretend to straighten, his tell-tale crinkly hair. His womenfolk use rouge and powder and lip-stick, often with startling results. They display the blackest silk-clad legs in Christendom. When it is fashionable for white women to turn down their stockings and show their knees black knees become as common as white. They adorn American pavements with colours that recall the tropical jungle, but many of them dress with perfect taste in furs and pearls that set off their dark beauty. Even the papers which exist to proclaim the negro's right to live as a negro, however, print advertisements of "the greatest face-whitener in the

world." The new negro saves money: he buys houses (and sometimes exploits his coloured brethren as a landlord); he helps his own people with charity; and when the new hospital for which money is being raised in New York announced that it would have a negro section, he poured in money faster than any other body of citizens. The new negro is the fashion. Negro "turns" are common on the stage, and white comedians blacken their faces to be in the swim. Negro revues are common. No cabaret is complete without its dash of colour. The old shibboleths about sex and cowardice and childishness receive hard knocks. If the women of New York only had negroes to fear, life would be simpler. The newspapers recently reported the story of a negro lift-man here who jumped underneath an elevator which white children had started and clung to it, endeavouring to save them till he was dashed to death. Negroes practise law and defend white clients. Negro doctors practise among white patients, and even operate upon white women. In one place or another in the United States the negro is enjoying every right asked for by the most advanced members of his race.

A Vanishing Castle.

It is rather sad to hear that Slains Castle, Aberdeenshire, is being demolished, for it means that yet one more historical place has passed (observes a London "Evening News" writer.) There was a sale there last spring, when the contents were disposed of; but it was thought, then it might be possible to save the Castle itself. For centuries it has been the seat of the Earls of Erroll, Lord High Constables of Scotland, and only the other day Lord Erroll's younger son, Captain Ivan Hay, went with his wife to see the last of his old home before it finally disappears from its imposing site on a beetling cliff overlooking the North Sea. Actually, Slains Castle is no longer the possession of the Errolls, as the present Earl sold it in 1916 to Sir John Ellerman, who also parted with it. It has been much let, too, among its tenants having been Sir Alfred Mond and Lord and Lady Oxford. While the last named were at Slains Miss Violet Asquith had an exciting adventure, being lost in a heavy mist. There was much anxiety, for she could easily have fallen from the cliff on to the rocks below—but fortunately nothing so dreadful happened and she got back safely.

Curzon Street.

Some near neighbours of the Duke and Duchess of York in their Curzon Street home are persons eminent in the social and political world. The Duke's landlord, Earl Howe, lives just below at 35, and H.R.H.'s tutor, Mr. Henry Hansell, across the road, as does the American Ambassador, reports the "Star." The Duchess's brother, Mr. John Bowes-Lyon, lives at 36, and next door, at No. 37, resides Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C. The Earl of Londesborough and the Earl of Rending have houses a few doors off, and a well-known member of the King's Household, Mr. George Street, who censors our plays, lives also at the same notable stretch of pavement.

The Queen as Housekeeper.

The Queen is famous for her domesticity, but not everybody knows how splendid she is as a house-mother (writes "Gadabout" in the "Daily Chronicle.") A friend of mine in the Royal Household was saying that the Queen is an example to all mistresses where her maid-servants are concerned. Judging Her Majesty purely as a woman, she would never be likely to come up against the servant question: she understands so well the art of getting and keeping maids. The Queen knows all her maids by their names and takes a personal interest in them, and one of the first things which the Royal mistress does when a new maid arrives is to start a bank book for her.

Ellaline Terriss's Return.

London's affection for stage favourites was well exemplified at the Lyceum Theatre the other night, when, returning to the West End stage after a six years' absence, Ellaline Terriss appeared with her husband, Seymour Hicks, in "The Man in Dress Clothes." Their daughter, Betty Seymour Hicks, playing a small part, was also in the cast. Not since the Irving days has there been such a fashionable first-night audience at this theatre (says the "Star.") The welcome to the happy family trio was very hearty and affectionate, but it was undoubtedly Ellaline Terriss's night, as Seymour Hicks acknowledged at the end. Who would think that she made her first professional appearance as long ago as 1889? Such is the incredible fact; it was at the Haymarket Theatre in "Cupid's Messenger." It was during the run of one of the popular "girl" musical comedies at the Gaiety that she was married to Seymour Hicks.

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